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**PARSONS FAMILY PAPERS, HAGERSTOWN, INDIANA
INCLUDING BUSINESS LETTERS OF A. W. PARSONS,
AND A CIVIL WAR LETTER OF GEORGE W. PARSONS
ABOUT ANDERSONVILLE PRISON**

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Office of ROOTS & COE,

GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS,

No. 250 PEARL STREET.

CINCINNATI, May 6th 1869

J. W. Parsons, Esq.
Hagerstown, Md.

Dear Sir

You favor of 3. 45th A.M.

are at hand and noted.

We are very sorry that you are so much and unable to come down. We see that you are confident of a advance in bulk meat and we should be very willing and glad to accommodate you if you margin even satisfactory. We cannot now sell without a limit to you and we don't know in what case. Our usual rate of margin required is $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ the market value of the product. We have not taken any margin on your bulk meat.

Please find account of your showing balance to you debit \$¹ 17.716.¹⁰ Please pay us \$1500.⁰⁰

and retain as additional margin and we will hold you must longer unless the market declines.

We quote Bulk meat quite at $11\frac{3}{4}$ for shoulder and $14\frac{1}{2}$ to $14\frac{3}{4}$ for sides. And $17\frac{1}{2}$ for Kansas City and dull. - Men Park firm at 31.⁰⁰ Please answer and let us know what you can do.

Very Respectfully

Roots, Coe
by A. C. Smith

OFFICE OF ROOTS & COE,

GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS,

Pearl Street, bet. Central Avenue & John Sts.

CINCINNATI, August 2^d 1869

Wm. H. Parsons, Esq.
Hagerstown, Md.

Dear Sir Please find enclosed

acc't Sales of your Bulk Shoulder Product \$ 5,516.59
also " " " " " Sides " " 14,071.37
Also, an account showing Balance to your Credit \$ 1,424.04
for which amount you are at liberty to draw. at sight
We will render an account of rejected meat as soon as
sold.

Hoping all will prove correct and satisfactory
Yours very truly
Roots, & Co

OFFICE OF ROOTS & COE,

GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS,

Pearl Street, bet. Central Avenue & John Sts.

CINCINNATI, Aug 12th 1869

W. Parsons, Esq.
Hagerstown Ind.

Dear Sir

The writer arrived
home this morning and hastens to send you a copy of
the account rendered last May showing Balance to your
debit that date \$17,716.10

We have only charged one
Commission on your meat.

We presume your money
is at fault. You will find every thing correct and
satisfactory we hope.

Thanking you for your kind assistance
and attention

Remaind Your. Respectfully

Root & Coe

Office of ROOTS & COE,

GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS,

No. 250 PEARL STREET.

CINCINNATI, March 17. ^{1869.}

A W Parsons Esq.
Hagerstown Md.

Dear Sir

Will you please
inform us, if your Shoulders & Sides are
out the Market and if so at what
price.

Our Market for Pork products, is
very firm and holdes are not willing
to sell at present raty. Please advise as
to what price you are willing to sell Sides
& Shoulders

Shoulders 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 12 $\frac{3}{4}$

Sides 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 14 $\frac{3}{4}$

\$32m is offered for Hogs Pork, today but
no sellers. The Market is strong and
prices tending upward.

Truly Yours

Roots & Coe

Office of ROOTS & COE,

GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS,

No. 250 PEARL STREET.

W. Rawnd, Esq.
Hagerstown, Md.

CINCINNATI,

April 7th 1869

Dear Sir

Our provision
market is extremely dull for all parts of the country.
We quote. Mutton at 31⁰⁰ to 31⁵⁰
Lamb is offered freely for 18⁰⁰ to the hundred
Pork Shoulder
12⁰⁰ to 12⁵⁰. Sides 14⁰⁰ to 15⁰⁰ per
We see no immediate
prospect for improvement in price of provisions. There is
very little demand and holders are not pressing their stocks.
Please give us your view in relation to the both meat we
are holding for you, whether you are disposed to sell
now, or to hold longer.

You are undoubtedly aware that
as the weather grows warmer meat begins to lose in
weight.

Please give us your view in full.

Very Respectfully
Roots & Coe
by J. E. Smith

Office of ROOTS & COE,

GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS,

No. 250 PEARL STREET.

CINCINNATI, April 15, 1869.

Amos W. Parsons, Esq.
Hagerstown, Ind.

Dear Sir.

Your favor of
12th was duly received, And we are gratified
seeing in relation to your product.

In the
present state of the market 11^{3/4} on Shoddy
and 14 for Sides, top figure to day. We should
be under the necessity of asking you to
remit us 9000, as a further margin on
what we hold for your account.

From present
indications, we see no appearance of
an advance in price.

The tendency of
the market is to lower price.

We may be
in error, but cannot see anything cheering
in the future for provisions.

Yours truly,
Roots & Coe.

Please answer by return mail.

AGENT'S RECEIPT.

Indianapolis, Cincinnati & Lafayette Railroad.

Kingsford Station.

Nov 9 1867

Received of

A.W. Parsons

the following articles in apparent good order, to be forwarded as consigned in the margin, at Tariff rates, and subject to the Company's printed Rules and Regulations.

Marks, Consignment, &c.	ARTICLES.	WEIGHT.
		Subject to Correc't'n
A.W. Parsons / Cart Hogs		14000d

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Charges Advanced,

Daily Commercial Report and Market Review.

No. 2706.

CHICAGO, MONDAY, MARCH 16, 1868.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Lawrence, Nessen & Hall,
COMMISSION
MERCHANTS,
OTIS BLOCK,
164 Madison St., cor. LaSalle,
CHICAGO.

M. A. LAWRENCE,
J. NENSON, G. W. NENSON
GEO. F. BUTLER.

Gold Quotations.			
OPENING	LATEST	1863	1867
New York....	139 1/4	136 3/4	139 1/4
H. A. NEWCOMBE & CO., PRINTERS, 101 WASHINGTON ST.			136 3/4

Market Review.

Money matters at the banks present no change. There is a fair demand for money on mercantile account, and the discount market rules very steady. General business is very dull.

Exchange is scarce and firm at 50¢60 cents premium between banks. Deposits are allowed open.

Flour—The principal demand to-day was for super and low grades which were scarce and firm at previous prices. Choice grades were easier and prices favored buyers. City brands mostly held firm and selling at full prices. Winter Extras dull. Rye Flour scarce and firm at \$1.75 for choice.

Wheat—Was dull and closed at a decline of 15¢ on the opening figures. No. 1 Spring, in light demand from millers, at \$2.05-\$2.06 for fresh receipts. No. 2 Spring opened quite firm at \$1.93 1/2 and rapidly advanced to \$1.94 1/2. At the outside figure the market weakened and declined to \$1.94, and later to \$1.93 1/2, and closed quiet with sellers at \$1.93 1/2 and buyers at \$1.93. No. 3 Spring nominal at \$1.84 1/4 for fresh receipts. Sales of No. 2 Spring buyer the month were made at \$1.95 1/2-\$1.96 1/2, ranging 12 1/2¢ higher than cash.

Corn—The market this morning was comparatively quiet and steady, though at a shade lower range than Saturday. Sales of New (regular) before change were at \$1.45, the market gradually growing stronger, and opening on "Change at 81 1/4" \$1.45 1/2; later special dispatches from New York had a discouraging effect, and the market gradually weakened, closing with buyers at \$1.41. For fresh receipts 15 1/2¢ higher figures were paid—on the outside in the Central. No. 1 dull and lower with rules at \$1.40.

Oats—The market was quiet, and for regular nominal almost—first at 50¢, 25¢ lower, and afterwards at 50¢ 1/2.

50¢, closing at the last range; for fresh there was considerable irregularity, at 50¢ 1/2-\$1.00—the inside paid on the North Side, \$1.25-\$1.40 in favorite South Side houses.

Rye—No. 1 fresh sold at \$1.67.

Barley—More active to-day, with sales of winter receipts in the R. I. at \$1.25-\$1.30, and elsewhere at \$1.15-\$1.19. Samples active at relative rates.

Seeds—Clover and Timothy moderately active; other kinds quiet. Sales of Clover at \$1.30-\$1.50 for good to choice; \$1.20-\$1.25 for mammoth; \$1.00 per bu for white. Of Timothy, \$2.00-\$2.10 for dirty; \$2.25-\$2.35 for prime to choice.

Provisions—The market generally was quiet, firm and unchanged at Saturday's prices. Messrs. Potts firmly held at \$2.50-\$2.55 for standard and straight. Lard was firmer—there were free buyers at 15¢ 1/2-\$1.40, but holders refine still to 15¢ 1/2. There was a good inquiry for D. S. Shoulders at 10¢ for April, but holders were fully 1/2¢ higher. Sweet Pickled Hams sold to the extent of 220 lbs. a day at 14¢ 1/2, and small lot of country at 14¢. Other Cut Meats quiet and entirely nominal.

Dressed Hogs—Dull; sales at \$8.50-\$9.00 for divisions on 200 lbs.

Sales and Quotations.

FLOUR—White Winter Extras—100 not named at \$1.13 1/2. End Winter Extras—100 not named at \$1.15 1/2. Spring Extras—200 Dater's Advance at \$10.00; 200 Star & Crescent at \$10.00; 100 Watertown at \$9.75; 400 not named at \$10.00; 100 at \$10.15; 100 at \$9.25; 100 (Min.) at \$9.75; 100 (low) at \$8.25; 50 at \$9.25; 100 at \$8.62; 50 wet at \$7.50; 71 at \$7.50 on track; 100 at \$7.75. Rye Flour

100 Rockton Stone at \$8.75.

WHEAT—No. 1 Spring sales—1200 bu N. W. at \$2.06; 400 at \$2.15. No. 2—10,000 bu at \$1.93; 5000 at \$1.93 1/2; 20,000 at \$1.93 1/2; 15,000 at \$1.94; 20,000 at \$1.94 1/2; 5000 at \$1.94 1/2; 1200 bu fresh at \$1.95; 800 at \$1.95 1/2; 1000 at \$1.95 1/2; 1000 at \$1.95 1/2.

No. 3—400 at \$1.84. Rejected—1600 bu at \$1.68. By Sample—400 bu Spring on track at \$2.06.

CORN—No. 1 sales—900 bu at 85¢. New—2400 bu strictly fresh, f. i. C. at \$2.25; 400 doz at \$2.25; 1200 at \$1.91; 10,000 at \$1.91; 45,000 at \$1.91.

OATS—No. 1 and 2 sales—1800 bu favorite houses at 85¢; 1200 bu at 85¢; 600 at 85¢; 1200 at 57 1/2¢; 600 at 10.00 at 57 1/2¢; 700 at 56 1/2¢.

RYE—No. 1 sales—400 bu strictly fresh at \$1.67. By Sample—111 lbs at \$1.70 on track.

BARLEY—No. 2 sales—800 bu winter at \$2.18; 500 at \$2.19; 1200 bu winter R. I. at \$2.20; 400 at \$2.22. By Sample—10 sacks at \$1.70; 50 bu at \$2.00; 27 sacks at \$2.00; 50 all deck.

SEEDS—Clover—12 sacks at \$7.30; 20 bushel and 95 bags at \$7.45; 10 bags at \$7.15; 13, 12 and 50 at \$7.50; 10 bags Mammoth at \$7.20; 11 at \$8.25; 9 bu White 95 per bu. Timothy—28 bags at \$2.12 at \$2.05; 17 at \$2.10; 71 at \$2.10; 60 and 20 at \$2.20; 44 at \$2.25; 25 at \$2.25; 50 and 10 at \$2.30; 45 choice \$2.35. Linseed—6 bags at \$1.85. Millet—14 bags at \$1.85; 100 at \$2. Oats—Oats—10 bushel at \$2.50.

BELLIES—4,000 lbs packed (S. P.) at 12 1/2¢.

S. P. HAMS—50 lbs country at 11¢; 150 lbs city at 11 1/2¢; 50 lbs do 11 1/2¢.

DRESSED HOGS—56 all round, at \$8.50; 4 at \$9; 127 dividing on 200 lbs at \$8.50-\$9.00.

POULTRY—Turkeys—150 lbs dressed at 18¢. Chickens—Market nearly bare; live the most salable.

EGGS—In good demand and firm; the outside price was paid for small pckgs; rates 500 doz at 21¢; 1000 at 22¢; 250 at 23¢.

BUTTER—Dull and lower on all grades; the extreme prices of last week encountered receipts, and this morning the market is well supplied, with prices tending downward; sales 10 lbs choice at 42¢ 43¢; 8 pkgs at 41¢ 42¢; 7 tubs and 1000 lbs roll, in lots at 40¢; 800 lbs good roll at 37¢ 38¢; 5 firkins interior at 25¢; 200 lbs good roll at 35¢.

DRIED FRUITS—Sales 50 lbs prime Ohio apples

on p. 100 lbs Southern at 73¢; 5 at 73¢; 10 lbs 1/4 old do at 4; 12 lbs halves Peaches at 11¢; 100 at 10 1/2¢; 5 lbs mixed at 90 1/2¢; 8 lbs Southern Blackberries 14 1/2¢; 1 lb black Raspberries at 15¢.

GREEN FRUITS—Apples—Quiet with light demand. Sales 25 lbs good to choice at 1 1/2¢ per lb; 10 bu boxes at \$2 per box. Oranges and Lemons in light supply and firm; sales of choice at \$7.67 50.

POTATOES—In active demand and firm. Sales 25 bu Peashows from store at \$4.15; 175 bu at \$1.10; 700 bu del at \$1.07; 2 ears del at \$1.10; 100 bu from store at \$1.03.

VEGETABLES—No fresh receipts this morning. Parsnips and Turnips \$1 per lb. Onions \$7.50 for choice; sales of Lettuce at 50¢ 2 1/2¢ per doz bunches; Soup Bananas, Pie Plant and Radish slow of sale.

HONEY—12 boxes good at 25¢ per lb.

BROOM CORN—Active and firm on all grades; sales 5 tons choice at \$1.60 per ton.

HIDES—Quotations are as follows: Green 100 1/2¢; Green Cured 12 1/2 13 1/2¢; Green part cured 10 1/2 11¢; Green Calf 17 1/2 18 1/2¢; Green Kid 16 1/2 17 1/2¢; Dry Flint 21 1/2 22 1/2¢; Dry Flint Kid 24 1/2 25 1/2¢; Dry Flint Calf 30¢. Damaged and Grubby one-third off.

Live Stock Market.

HOGS—Received to 12 M. 832. The market opened dull and drooping with nearly 1200 on sale. Buyers were not disposed to pay the price demanded by sellers, and during the morning transactions were limited to some 300 head at \$7.75-\$8.25 for common. A few extra Mississ. hogs at 220 to 225 sold at \$9.25-\$10.50.

CATTLE—Received to 12 M. 17 head. The market was very quiet, owing to lack of stock. A few butchers' cattle were sold at Saturday's prices. We quote the market nominal at the following:

Extra, av. 175@1400 \$7.25@9.00

First-class shipping steers, av. 120@1300 7.75@8.00

Second class steers, av. 110@1200 7.25@7.50

Third class light and fleshy, av. 100@1100 6.75@7.00

Rough cattle by unbroken steers, av. 110@1000 5.75@6.25

Good emaciated stockers, av. 90@1000 4.75@5.25

Light stockers, av. 90@950 3.75@4.00

Good hawks, and heifers, 3.75@4.00

Common cows and heifers, 3.75@4.00

Stags, bull and rough stock generally 2.50@3.00

Markets by Telegraph

New York, March 16.—Flour firm and demand active for shipping grades. Wheat steady. Quiet Corn dull, heavy; sales of New at \$1.25. Oats firm at \$1.25. Pork dull. Lard firm.

New York, March 16.—Flour, firm, enable, \$9.70 24 20; No. 2 Spring 14 1/2 15¢; Corn easier, dull, New \$1.24. Pork quiet, steady \$2.25. Lard dull, heavy. Hogs nominal. Gold 1393 1/2.

LATER—Flour firm. Wheat unsettled. Corn quiet, tame. Oats firm. Pork dull. Lard and Hogs nominal.

Liverpool, March 16—11.15 a. m.—Corn, 41¢ West unchanged.

ELEVATOR STORAGE RATES.

From January 14, 1868, to January 11, 1869.

GRADES OF GRAIN.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128	129	130	131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138	139	140	141	142	143	144	145	146	147	148	149	150	151	152	153	154	155	156	157	158	159	160	161	162	163	164	165	166	167	168	169	170	171	172	173	174	175	176	177	178	179	180	181	182	183	184	185	186	187	188	189	190	191	192	193	194	195	196	197	198	199	200	201	202	203	204	205	206	207	208	209	210	211	212	213	214	215	216	217	218	219	220	221	222	223	224	225	226	227	228	229	230	231	232	233	234	235	236	237	238	239	240	241	242	243	244	245	246	247	248	249	250	251	252	253	254	255	256	257	258	259	260	261	262	263	264	265	266	267	268	269	270	271	272	273	274	275	276	277	278	279	280	281	282	283	284	285	286	287	288	289	290	291	292	293	294	295	296	297	298	299	300	301	302	303	304	305	306	307	308	309	310	311	312	313	314	315	316	317	318	319	320	321	322	323	324	325	326	327	328	329	330	331	332	333	334	335	336	337	338	339	340	341	342	343	344	345	346	347	348	349	350	351	352	353	354	355	356	357	358	359	360	361	362	363	364	365	366	367	368	369	370	371	372	373	374	375	376	377	378	379	380	381	382	383	384	385	386	387	388	389	390	391	392	393	394	395	396	397	398	399	400	401	402	403	404	405	406	407	408	409	410	411	412	413	414	415	416	417	418	419	420	421	422	423	424	425	426	427	428	429	430	431	432	433	434	435	436	437	438	439	440	441	442	443	444	445	446	447	448	449	450	451	452	453	454	455	456	457	458	459	460	461	462	463	464	465	466	467	468	469	470	471	472	473	474	475	476	477	478	479	480	481	482	483	484	485	486	487	488	489	490	491	492	493	494	495	496	497	498	499	500	501	502	503	504	505	506	507	508	509	510	511	512	513	514	515	516	517	518	519	520	521	522	523	524	525	526	527	528	529	530	531	532	533	534	535	536	537	538	539	540	541	542	543	544	545	546	547	548	549	550	551	552	553	554	555	556	557	558	559	560	561	562	563	564	565	566	567	568	569	570	571	572	573	574	575	576	577	578	579	580	581	582	583	584	585	586	587	588	589	590	591	592	593	594	595	596	597	598	599	600	601	602	603	604	605	606	607	608	609	610	611	612	613	614	615	616	617	618	619	620	621	622	623	624	625	626	627	628	629	630	631	632	633	634	635	636	637	638	639	640	641	642	643	644	645	646	647	648	649	650	651	652	653	654	655	656	657	658	659	660	661	662	663	664	665	666	667	668	669	670	671	672	673	674	675	676	677	678	679	680	681	682	683	684	685	686	687	688	689	690	691	692	693	694	695	696	697	698	699	700	701	702	703	704	705	706	707	708	709	710	711	712	713	714	715	716	717	718	719	720	721	722	723	724	725	726	727	728	729	730	731	732	733	734	735	736	737	738	739	740	741	742	743	744	745	746	747	748	749	750	751	752	753	754	755	756	757	758	759	760	761	762	763	764	765	766	767	768	769	770	771	772	773	774	775	776	777	778	779	780	781	782	783	784	785	786	787	788</

DEPARTMENT SUB-AGENCIES.

Office Security Insurance Company's Western Branch.

Chicago,

Oct 17th

1868.

A. M. Parone Esq. Agt.
Hagstrom. Ind.

Dear Sir

Your favor 15th rec'd & contents noted.
Please send Mr. Lontz's policy here, with full description of
building, into which he wishes to remove his stock named in
this Co. & we will make endorsement on it, & return.

Yours truly

W. H. Cunningham Agt
Boden

DEPARTMENT SUB-AGENCIES.

Office Security Insurance Company's Western Branch.

Chicago,

Oct 9th 1868.

A. N. Parsons Esq. Aet.

Hagerstown, Ind

Dr. for

In your September account you charge us commission \$2.25
 According to our books you have credit with but \$16.00 commission as follows:

By 15% on Ordinary premiums. 480⁷⁵ - 72.10

20% " Dwelling " 19⁷⁵ - 3.95

Total commissions due you \$16.05

We think that upon examination you will find this to be correct. There remains a balance of \$16.20 to our credit which please remit.

Yours truly
 W. W. Birmingham Agent

Anderson the day of Feb. 1555
Received of James Parsons for me hundred dollars
to be paid to John Weston for hogs

B. Weston

A. W. Parsons
311 Hgs 74,630 \$ 72 \$ 5261 44
Less Ding W. \$ 177 44
Net \$ 5083 97

which we sent enclosed by Express

Cincinnati Ohio
25th Nov 1868

James Morin & Co
of Pittsburg

Form No. 2.

WAGNER AGENT'S RECEIPT. WAGNER

Indianapolis, Cincinnati & Lafayette Railroad.

Hagerstown Station,

July 18 1868

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Dear Sir. Your favor. for Express.

Enclosing \$200 as Margin on Wheat purchased for
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at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ for Bushel. Our wheat market is sick this P.M.
it closed on 6 Range at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ on the Barb this evening
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. we are having very fine weather. with influences
the market which is favorable for Spring Crops. & also for
the Winter Wheat. We hope to see New York improve.
Start our market here. We have P.C. & remain

Yrs July

Lawrence, Nexsen & Hall

Office of ROOTS & COE,

GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS,

No. 250 PEARL STREET.

CINCINNATI, February 1st 1869

A. W. Parsons Esq.
Stagecoach Inn

Dear Sir

We commenced running the 200 Bbls. "Blue Park County". but found it not worth representation made by Chas. Hahn of the firm of P. Bearngfult Co. in the presence of our Mr. Roots. We opened 3 Bbls and found as follows. 1 Bbl. 18 pieces 199 pounds
1 " " 20 " 200 "

1 " " 19 " 200 "

We were not willing to run such Blue Park wagon contract and refused to do so.

If you consider that you have a right to demand of P. Bearngfult Co. 100 Bbls. Blue Park of the quality represented. please come down and have the matter settled. We have taken the 200 Bbl. Blue for Wilson & Co.

Very. Respectfully

Roots & Coe

by J. E. Davis

P.S. Quotations are as follows City Mus 31st and being firm
Prime Lard firm at 20th P. B. Mus. firm 13. 15th for
shoulder & sides. Flank very expensive R. C.

May 30th 1857.
Received of Benjamin Parsons
the sum of \$16.00 the amount
of his subscription to the Presbyterian
Church of Mayfield.

May 30th 1857.
Six months after date I promise to pay to
the order of Samuel Martin
Sixteen Dollars.
Value received, without any relief whatever from Valuation or Appraisal Law
with interest from date.
No. Date May 30th 1857 Benjamin Parsons

Bo. 337 Form 14. Date May 26 1858
AM Parsons
to The Indianapolis, Cincinnati & Lafayette Railroad Co. Dr.
for transportation of merchandise from Mayers Town
1 bushel bag 25 lbs

Weight Charges.

Received payment for the Company. Total Amount Agent. 25 m

Mrs. Giffey
President of Impersonators
League

Mrs. Eliza. Geeter
Miss Grace Harris
Lat home
Saturday Afternoon

Enclosed you will find \$2.62 the
amount that was collected at the Standard
Bank meeting, and put in my care by
Mr. Glonekader.

Hebe B. Smith

Monday 13th
Affe, 24

July 1st 1895.
Joville Market St.
Done for to fix
For the benefit of the soldiers
in the War of 1895.

John F. and
The 23rd of Dec



Registration of Robert Howell K

Mr. W. Parsons

Hagerstown

MD

Huntington Trenton Post Office Huntington, C. & I. Co
December 23rd 1873 -

Mr. W. Parsons Sir

Enclosed you will Please find five dollars and
fifty cents which is the amount of my First Instalment
made at the American Insurance Company. Please return me
it by return mail. I did not get Satisfaction under my insurance
to Hagerstown ~~as~~ James specifically

Robert Howell

Republican

TICKET.

For Secretary of State,
William W. Curry.

Auditor of State,
James A. Wildman.

Treasurer of State,
John B. Glover.

Superintendent of Public Instruction,
John M. Bloss.

Attorney General,
James C. Denny.

Judge of the Supreme Court,
Andrew L. Osborn.

*Representative in Congress—Fifth Congressional
District,*

Benjamin F. Claypool.

State Senator,
William Baxter.

Representatives,
Joseph C. Ratliff,
Branson L. Harris.

Prosecuting Attorney—Seventeenth Circuit,
Daniel W. Comstock.

Clerk—Wayne Circuit Court,
William H. Lynde.

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Joseph G. Lemon.

Sheriff of Wayne County,
Joseph L. Smith.

Recorder of Wayne County,
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Assessor of Wayne County,
James H. Anderson.

County Commissioner—Western District,
Cornelius Thornburg.

Surveyor of Wayne County,
Robert C. Shute.

Coroner of Wayne County,
Samuel C. Byer.

Township Trustee,
John Bowman.

Justices of the Peace,

Constables,

Supervisors.

Camp Harker Dear Nashville Friends

Dear Father Mother brother and Sisters

as you have asked me to write a description of my prison life several times since I have been discharged I will now endeavor to give you a short description of my two months captivity you are aware that I have written it out once and started it home but I understand that you never received it, I have not the time now to write as much as I would like to but I expect that I will write more than will be interesting to you nearly all that I shall write will be concerning myself it will be useless for me to try and give you a full description of prison life for there has been books written on the subject by some good writers what I shall write will be what I know to be the truth indeed if I should try to make it appear worse than it is or was, I think that I would hardly be able to make it appear any worse than it really was and I will be able to prove all that I will write in this by giving instances the treatment that our brave boys have received at the hands of the Rebels will never be fully known to the people of the North for it is impossible to fully describe it with pen ink and paper therefore it will never be known as it really was only by those that have had the misfortune to fall into the hands of rebels

The Battle of Peach Tree Creek was fought on July 20th 1864 on the 16th noon of that day our Regt crossed Peach tree creek and was deployed as skirmishers and advanced about one mile without meeting with any opposition we was ordered to halt and soon we heard the Rebels cheering in our front we supposed that they intended to charge us and as the column was not in supporting distance we fell back a short distance in a hurry about 1500 the Rebels made their appearance on our right flank with compelled us again to fall back we fell back to a line of Rebel skirmish pits which we had captured some time before we received orders to hold our position at all hazards I supposed that the intention was for us to stay there and so the Rebels was advancing on us double quick I went to work loading and firing as rapidly as I could the order to fall back was given which I did not hear and the first thing that I was aware of the Regt was gone and the Rebels in a short distance of me as soon as I became aware of this I started after my Regiment intending to rejoin it I reached the creek and the Regt was already across I tried to cross with my traps on and come very near being drowned finding that I could not cross with my traps on I made my way back to the bank and commenced throwing my things off when the column of the 2d Georgia Regt passed over me I surrendered

to one of the color guards then were quite an animated discussion some were in favor of killing me on the spot and I suppose would had not an officer interfered after considerable parleying about who should take me to the rear and ridding me of my knapsack and blanket a guard was placed over me and I was started to the rear after going a short distance with me he relieved me of my rifle blanket and appropriated it to his own use then he turned me over to another guard and there I found Daniel Bales of Company E. of our Regt. This guard I found to be a perfect gentleman I think that he belonged to the 26th Ga. an officer who said that he was a Major on Gen. Hood's Staff rode up to us and after abusing us awhile ordered the guard to take everything the Yankees had with the guard refused to do the officer then ordered him to turn us over to another guard which was done the first thing that he done was to strip me of my shelter tent some even wanted to take my coat off my back the guard took us to Atlanta and turned us over to Col. Hill of the 35th Tenn. who was present Marshall of the city from Col. Hill's Head Quarters we was marched through the city passing the depot when we found nothing in commotion trains loaded with household and kitchen furniture with the indicated preparations for a general The Charles we was reported to an officer near the depo

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shops took our names and sent us to the prison
before entering the prison we was asket by the officer
in charge if we had any thing of value my reply
was that I had nothing of value except a broken
watch in my knapsack the gates were then opened
and I for the first time found myself an inmate
of a prison I was surrounded by a strong guard
the prison contained about two hundred of our men
British officers and enlisted men nothing of importance
happened during the night I still had my wool blanket
although it was wet I did not find much difficulty
in sleeping for I was nearly dead and sleepy I
aroke on the morning of the 21st and found myself
surrounded by the walls of a British prison along the
bay several ships from our gun fleet in the city in
this prison I found George Sims of our Regt which made
three of us from the old 57th late in the evening
the above one days ration consisting of a pint of
unsifted corn meal a very ^{little} salt and a small
portion of meat that was supped the last watch we
threw away but if we could have had it one month
from that time we could have eat it without much
trouble a little after dark one of the sentinels
shot at one of the prisoners for some trifling offence
fortunately he was not hit about ten o'clock
the second order to get ready to march we
started immediately and marched six miles to East
Pointe we were placed in an old abandoned fort

under guard when we remained for several days while
we was at this place about 1800 men and officers were
brought in they were captured on the 22nd instant belonging
to General McPhersons command the Rebel officers
informed us that they were unable to procure transportation
for us and ordered us to get ready to march to
Griffin about 20 miles distance we took our line of
March guarded by the 35th Tennessee 26th Georgia and
52nd Virginia on the first day we passed through the
little town of Jonesboro we marched through the town
with Rebel colors flying and drums beating while
the prisoners sang daily and the flag Bearer men
women and children appeared to take great delight
in shooting sport of the Yankee prisoners little boys
were on the steps of the houses firing at the prisoners
with pop guns but no one was hurt or frightened for
all of us had hand bigger guns fire and guns
that made a different kind of ammunition we went
a few miles beyond the town and camped for the
night all the prisoners about 2000 in number and
the three Regiments of Guards were compelled to get
water at one well consequently a great many were
obliged to do without one of my companies first
two dollars for a quart of water which was all that
there of us had in twenty four hours the weather
during the entire march to Griffin was very hot
and the prisoners suffered very much for water for
nearly all of us had any blankets

we arrived at Griffin on Sunday the town was
filled with citizens to witness the arrival of
the vile Yankees as they were pleased to call us
about half of our number was put on the cars
and the rest of us went into camp one mile from
Town where we remained until the next morning
when we was put on the cars and started for Macon
when within about 20 miles of Macon the cars ran
off the track several of the guards of the 54th Ma-
con had but none of the prisoners we went
into camp and waited until another train come
from Macon which was about ten o'clock at night
we again took the cars and reached Macon the same
night from Macon we went to Andersonville which
is about 40 miles from Macon we arrived at
Andersonville on the 25th of July we was compelled
to stand in the hot sun with the Rebels standing on
as buck would stand it was noon by the main
gate was searching us off as we was searched we took
our line of march for the prison which was in sight
we marched into the prison and the gates was shut
after we we found ourselves in the midst of about
thirty five thousand of our men men from all
of the different wings of all shades and colors in
this prison we found Negro Indians and men
from every country in the globe you can not
imagine the misery what my feeling was
when I found what kind of a place I was in...

The Prison at Andersonville Ga.

The prison was situated about half a mile from the Rail road and known as camp Sumter as near as I could guess there was about twenty acres inclosed by a strong stockade with war logs. Set on end of four or five feet in the ground inside of the stockade fifteen or twenty feet was the dead line and any one that was so unfortunate as to pass beyond the dead line would be shot by the guards. There was a small stream of water running through the prison. The prisoners were expected to obtain all of the water at one end of the stream and it was expected that all the filth of the camp should be washed out at the other end and also had to do all washing in this stream the water became so filthy that the men digging with whatever implements they were possessed of or could steal or beg from the guards sunk wells some of them to the depth of fifty and sixty feet to obtain pure water and then they would cut these wells into strings in some instances to make cords to draw with using whatever they could lay their hands on for buckets, with so many men in so small a place the camp became too to clean to inclose it there was a large swamp of several acres in the prison the swamp became unutterable dirty a perfect breeding and starchy mass of putrefaction the stench from which was terrible it became so fine

that if a man had a scratch on any part of his body his hands feet or legs and the most god in it it would mortify and gangrene would commence at the spot and spread and often arms and legs had to be amputated from this cause. The deaths in the month of August was one hundred and thirty each day, lone days more and some days we suffered much for the want of wood we would draw wood over three days without having the about enough to cook one decent meal. When ever a man died the man that would carry him out to the dead house would be permitted to bring in a load of wood it was a very common thing to see men quarreling and sometimes fighting over a dead man about who should carry him out. The man that got the ^{first} help dead man out was considered lucky because there was as great a demand for wood as any thing else the Rebels permitted. We have a Hospital outside for the sick often at sick call in the morning sick men would be carried to the gate by Slave contrabands and the Doctor would refuse to admit them into the Hospital and before they could be carried back to their quarters they stayed they would die and then the men that would be carrying them would turn about and carry them to the dead house and from the dead house they were thrown into wagons by negroes and hurried to where they now lay.

While I was in Andersonville the Rebels feared
a raid from General Stoneman and therefore
they went to work on the fortifications around
the prison. They also put two new lines of
stocks around the prison with made it
impossible to get out without digging out under
the stocks. I saw few made there escape in
that way but as a general thing the Rebels
would find it out before the tunnel was
completed and if they would be so fortunate
as to get out they would nearly always be
caught by the Bloodhounds for the prison
was guarded with Bloodhounds as well as
by Rebel soldiers. The Rebels made a great
fuss about us setting up the Negro to dig
I examined them but catching Union prisoners
with Bloodhounds was all right in their
estimation in the month of September
there was considerable talk about an exchange
the Rebels commenced to send over men of and
told them that they was going to be exchanged
if I am not mistaken they commenced to
send the prisoners off from Andersonville on
the 1st day of September, I do not know
what the day is but what we had to eat
you can guess that it was not much and
tasted little we did get was not fit to
eat I know that you would not feed to
the dogs what we had to eat I often wished
that I could have asked you would throw out
to the dogs or rations consist of corn
bread or meal some times a little pork
about 2 or three ounces about the same
amount of blue bread never both on

We have stay down times & little rice and
 Negro peas and corn molasses and not
 enough salt to half salt what little we
 did get down times our ration was cut in
 I mean half cut in and sometimes they was
 issued to us uncooked and if it should
 happen to rain we would not get any
 rations for the Quarter master would rather
 let us go hungry than to give out
 as much would have it C. H. Sims of our Regt
 got into the prison with a friend I paid
 me dollar and a half for enough stakes to
 put it up I also bought a half canteen for
 a frying pan or stock of stakes consisted of
 one quart bottle one tin cup one knife two
 spoons and one half bottle which we used
 for a frying pan this was all that there of
 we had you can guess that we did not
 have much trouble making stakes on the
 2nd day of August General of the boys from
 Augason belonging to the 5th Cav. was brought
 in the following names boys from our town
 Ryndt, H. Dore, John Ritz, Robert Davis,
 James Donnan, H. Doniff, James Ruth, Lew
 Burris, Adam Armstrong, H. Mikles, John G. Lee,
 Daniel Higgins, H. H. Thompson, Frank Fultz
 and several others from the vicinity of town
 James L. Jones died on the 21st day of September
 inflammation of the brain was the cause of his
 death, Jacob Mikles died about the same
 I did not learn the cause of his death
 on the 17th of Sept about ten o'clock at night
 I left the prison for a & Andersonville and
 the again breath'd great quantities fresh air.

when I left the prison I think that all of
the Hager Town boys had been sent off except
Henry Walker and John Biggers. Walker came
through with me we was put on the cars and
sent to Union and from Union we was sent
to a station between Griffin and Jonesboro where
we got off the cars and marched to Rough and
Ready a small town we passed through the
town of Jonesboro while the little boys took
a match & light in shooting at us with pitch
guns when we passed through before from the
appearance of the town they had heard some
Yankee gun also for the people of little
Rock Jonesboro they did not think that
in 10 short a time that they would have
to bear and leave their homes to fall
into the hands of the Yankee invaders
they took great delight in marking spot
of Yankee prisoners but they had to pay
dearly for the sport that they made of us
10 short time before a & Rough and Ready we
was in hunged and cut out our own lines once
more we was put on the cars and marched
to Atlanta about ten o'clock on the night of
the 13th of September. There was the supply
of my life we was again with our own
people and when we could get plenty to eat
I joined my company on the 25th of Sept.

I have written this in a hurry so you must
excuse all mistakes if I had the time I could
write a little book on my two months captivity
but I expect that I have already written more than
will be interesting to you if you keep this until
I come home I may write it out again I would
be ashamed for any one to see this but you
can use your own pleasure about letting any one
see it but I would a little rather that you would
not show it because it has been so hasty
composed and so poorly written that I am ashamed
of it my self and I would not send it now if
I had not promised to send it so often
I will close by describing myself to you
affectionately yours

George W. Parsons

No. 1 Dead line

No. 2 Fire & Stockade

No. 3 Front Stockade

No. 4 Third Stockade

No. 5 Sentinel Box on the ground

No. 6. A line of trees running through the camp

No. 7 the Swamp

No. 8 the Gates

No. 9 My tent

No. 10 Rebel lines of Prof's pits

No. 11 Cook house

No. 12 Rail Road

No. 13 Hospital

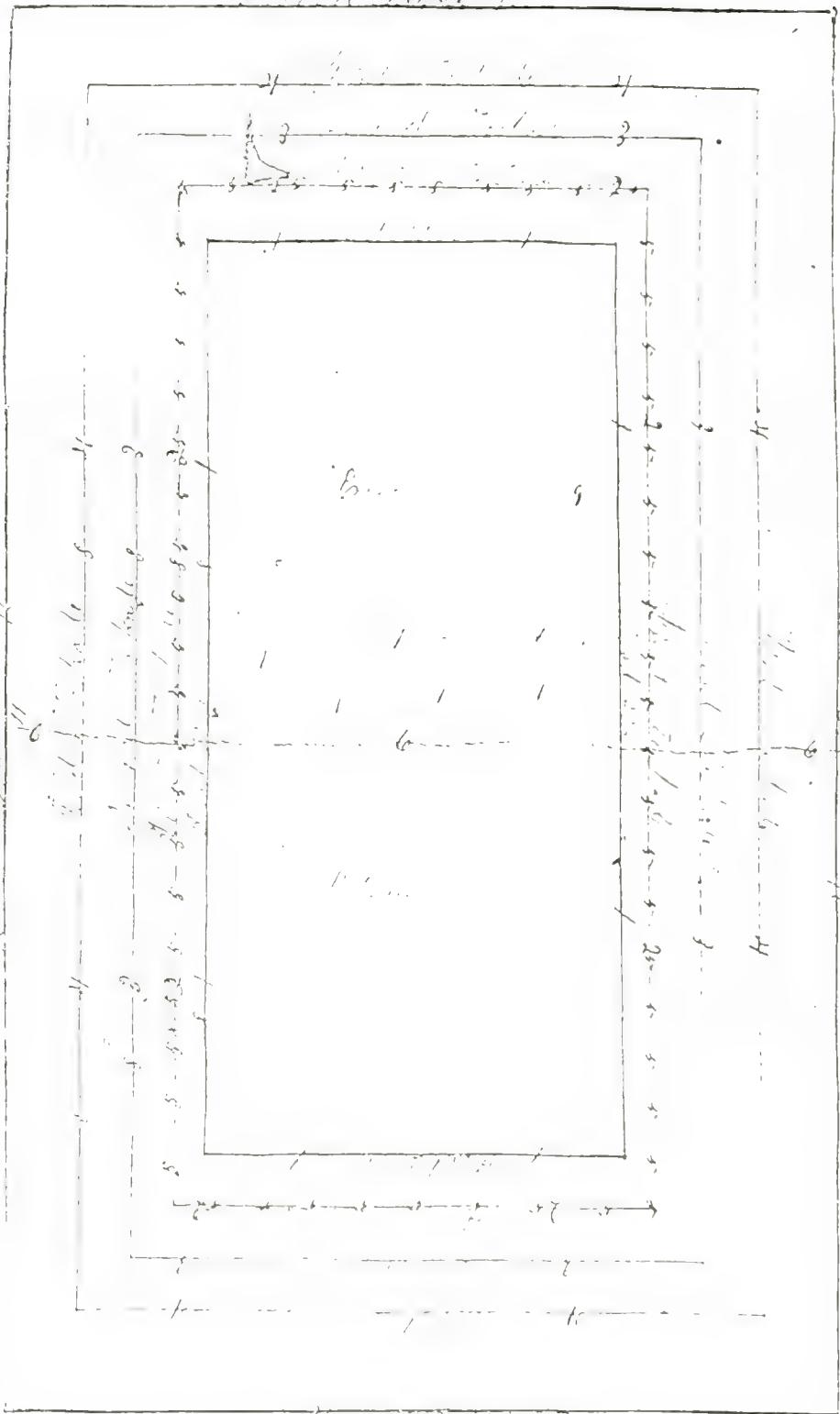
No. 14 Dead horse

No. 15 Forts

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a popular delusion exposed

all the infinite and eternal
blessings of God's salvation
are ours through faith - we
have no title to them on
the ground of what we have
done: but it is God's delight
to give them on the ground of
what Christ has done: they
are the gift of His grace.

~~through~~ through faith on
our part how unfeeling
important then, that our
faith should be real and
genuine - the true faith of
the gospel! how many fancy
they believe, when in reality
they do not: alas! they deceive
themselves if people generally
believed the plainest
declaration of God's word if
they believed the judgment

It God proulled upon
sin, "the soul that sinneth
it shall die: the wages of
sin is death: could they
go on as they do, from day
to day and year to year,
with out ever having an
hour's trouble or anxiety
about their sins: you know
it would be impossibl wear
you to see a criminal under
sentence of death - a sentence
which must be executed
without a moments warning
intrested about a thousand
trifles - but perfectly in-
conind about his impiet
sin could you credit it
the confesareian that he
believe in the uprightness of
his situation, you could
not until is this not a p[er]f[ect]ion

of the world around us purs-
ing its easy, careless, utter-
regardless, of the dreadfull judi-
cial sentence if we die in your
sins wither. - go, we can not
come as to the glad tidings
of the gospel - similar delusions
prevail when the truth is
set forth; how often do
persons reply: I believe every
word you say, I have always
recited it while in ^{the} rela^{tive}
they are unillevered if you
owed me a large sum of and
wear apprehensive of being
arrested for it, and tidings
came that another, means of
grace - had failed it for you
would not all your apprehensions
be instantly alaid; if
on the contrary you had
fears on account of the debt sold

4 if would it prove that
you were in error regards the
judgment of the law an
unbeliever. So is it with
the teachings of the gospel
nothing is more common
than the fashionable, unchristian
and stupid because its to be regarded
as an unbeliever is discredit-
able. But let the following
question be put. do you
then enjoy peace with
god in the assurance that
your sins are blotted out
and how melancholy the stated
conscience! the distressing voice
of Conscience gives the lie
to the language of the lips. they
who do not believe that their
sins is paid do not believe
that Christ has paid it.
They who do not believe
that their sins are gone do
not believe that Christ has
born them away. like
persons many indeed believe
in the death of Christ —
but none do not in the result
of that death. They do not believe

in the efficacy of his atoning blood as regards the great fundamental truth of the gospel they are still unbelievers. Theirs is not the simple, peace-giving faith of the gospel - that faith which can say with assurance & which does say in a transport of worshiping love: the Lord hath laid on him iniquities of us all (isa. 53:6) his own self bare over sins in his own body on the tree; 1 Peter 2.24) and bear them away forever - = Christ the only Savior! God will have none to have a hand in the justification and salvation of a sinner but Christ only.

and to speak as the thing
is Christ Jesus will either
be a whole Savior ~~or~~ no Savior;
he will either save you, a.
alone or not save you at all;
for among men there is giving
no other name under heaven
whereby we must be saved.
~~He~~ says the apostle Peter: &
Jesus Christ himself says: "I
am the way the truth and the
life and no man cometh to
the Father but by me;
that ~~is~~ is that as Luther
truly says: besides this way
Christ hear is no way but
wandering, no verity but
Eternal death."

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